

Workers' Compensation Oversight Panel
November 20, 2017

MINUTES

Location: Department of Labor Fox Valley Annex

Called to Order: 4:24 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Vincent J. Ascione, Jr., Barry Bakst, Theodore Becker, Jr., Edward Capodanno, Lee Dotson, James Downing, Anthony Frabizzio, , Leslie Ledogar, Joseph Rhoades, Theresa Smith, Karryl McManus. **Administration:** Stephanie Parker, Oliver Cleary, Susan Justison: Alan Schwartz: OptumInsight (via telephone).

Record of Votes Taken:

1. Motion to approve minutes from September 18th, 2017 Oversight Panel meeting. The Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
2. Motion to bring prosthetics up to Medicare. The Motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The intent of the Statute is that providers be paid at the Medicare level. It has come to the Panel's attention from a specific group that they are not being paid at the Medicare level and we're making an adjustment for that specific group to be paid at the Medicare level. The Panel has reason to believe there is enough latitude in the analysis that has been done up to this point in time that a .003% increase would not have a substantial impact and would not do a disservice to what the Panel has attempted to accomplish up to this point in time.

Actions Agreed Upon:

1. OptumInsight to provide "crystal clear" analysis of services being paid below Medicare levels.
2. Any services being paid below Medicare level to be corrected during this legislative session.
3. Review HCAP system and how's working addressing any issues.
4. Terry Smith to provide brief presentation on how Pennsylvania processes fee discrepancies.
5. Add review of fees to RFP for Utilization Review vendors.

Public Comment:

In Attendance: Vincent Cardinale, DCRB- William Taylor, Independence P.O.-Rachel Beeson, J.T. Scott, Leandro Espinal, Annette Dawson, Rachael Klevis, Steve Fine, Sean McColgan, Sarah Brase-Davis, Esq and John Horne

1. John Horne – As a rebuttal to comments about the potential of other organizations/entities coming to the table asking for an increase in reimbursements he stated 2012 Delaware became the 20th State to pass Prosthetic Parody which was part of an effort by the Entity Coalition to ensure fairness for prosthetic coverage from private insurers. Mandates that the State of Delaware would acknowledge Medicare as a minimum reimbursement level across the board for private insurances. (2012 HB76 attached)
2. Sarah Brase-Davis – 2012 HB76 excluded Workers' Comp (WC); Thanked Panel for all the work they've done on this topic.

Adjourned: 5:40 p.m.

Future Panel Meeting Dates – DOL Fox Valley Annex:

None scheduled at this time

Future Subcommittee Meeting Dates:**Fee Schedule & Data Collection Subcommittees**

None scheduled at this time